Bowdoin Student Aid Application Requirements 2021–2022

Application Period
OCTOBER 1, 2020 – FEBRUARY 15, 2021

1. FAFSA
2. CSS Profile
3. 2019 Federal Tax Returns

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The deadline to apply is FEBRUARY 15, 2021.

**FAFSA**
US citizens and eligible noncitizens apply online at FAFSA.gov. The FAFSA determines eligibility for federal aid. Parents and students must sign the FAFSA using their FSA IDs.

**CSS Profile**
Complete the CSS Profile online at cssprofile.org. The CSS Profile is used to assess eligibility for institutional aid from Bowdoin. The student’s CBFinaid ID is required.

**2019 Federal Tax Returns**
Most parents and students are required to submit complete copies of 2019 federal taxes, including personal and business taxes, all forms and schedules, and W-2(s). These must be submitted through IDOC (Institutional Documentation Service).

**IDOC**
Upload 2019 taxes and any other required documents via IDOC. After the CSS Profile has been completed, access IDOC from the CSS Profile dashboard by viewing “next steps.” Logging in to IDOC directly is also possible at idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/IDOC/indexIDOC.aspx.

**TIPS**
- **Apply early.** The CSS Profile, FAFSA, and IDOC are all available October 1st.
- **Check your Bowdoin MyAid portal regularly.** View your MyAid portal at bowdoin.edu/myaid. On the portal, you can find out what documents you are required to submit and confirm receipt.
- **Utilize the help text offered by FAFSA and the CSS Profile.** Most questions can be answered quickly.
- **Keep track of your FSA ID (FAFSA) and CBFinaid ID (CSS Profile).** You will need these year after year.